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For: FILM FORMATION METHOD,
SEMICONDUCTOR ELEMENT
AND METHOD THEREOF, AND
METHOD OF MANUFACTURING
A DISK-SHAPED STORAGE
MEDIUM

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the document listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the above-referenced application.

A copy of the listed document is attached.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed document and indicate that it was considered by making an appropriate notation on the attached form.

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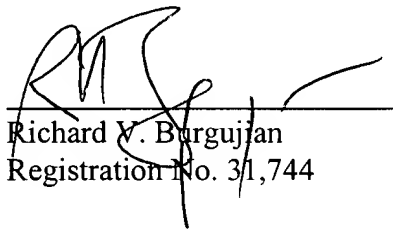
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